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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Masao TAKEUCHI et al.  
Serial No: 09/602,814  
Confirmation No.: 9608  
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For: Ball Loading Apparatus  
(amended)

Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: KERNS, Kevin P.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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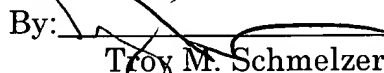
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